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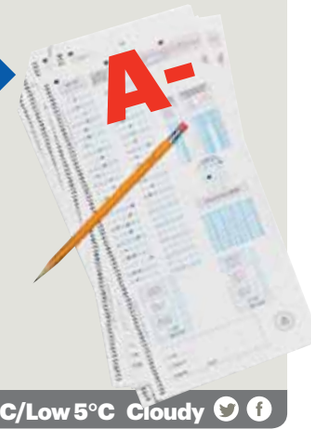

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Patrons 'outraged' city expropriated the land

Tereza Verenca
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Members of Surrey's Riverside golf course teed off for the last time on Sunday.

The family-owned business shut its doors after the city expropriated the King George Boulevard property last summer, which has been in the community for 50 years and included a driving range, a pro shop and a nine-hole golf course.

"Obviously we're sad," said general manager Ken Poirier. "We might be crying later tonight, but right now, we're overwhelmed with the support and the heartfelt response."

The city expropriated the 16 acres of land for just over $3 million. It wants to use part of the property to extend Crescent Road, linking King George Boulevard to Winter Crescent, according to an inquiry officer report completed last June. The city also wants to acquire open land for park purposes for "biodiversity conservation, passive recreation and the viewing of wildlife and scenery."

But Poirier said his facility already accomplished the latter, with patrons taking in nature while staying active.

"We've literally had over the last few months, people coming in who are crying, cursing, virtually everybody who's outraged at the misuse of the Expropriation Act," said Poirier.

Out of everyone in his family, the loss is a huge one for his father, he added.

"He still comes five or six times a week because he enjoys the interaction with (people)," Poirier said. "It would literally be like you've lived in your house for 50 years, a planner comes along and says, 'Well, you don't really fit anymore, so we're going to take your backyard and we're going to pay you so little you can't even move into the same neighbourhood."

As it stands, Poirier said his family has no financial means of moving the business elsewhere (minus the pro shop, which will be re-locating to the Vancouver outlet store on South West Marine Drive).

But Poirier isn't giving up hope. He's optimistic that perhaps the city will revisit the issue and work something out.

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B. C. trumpets five years of carbon-neutral status

ENVIRONMENT

Report says province has met goals first set in 2008

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia is the only provincial, state or federal government to achieve five years of carbon neutrality in North America, according to its latest report.

The province released the self-congratulatory report, titled "Leading By Example," on Friday, outlining B.C.'s progress since the Liberal government first legislated aggressive carbon emission targets for its public sector in 2008 under former premier Gordon Campbell.

"For the past five years, the B.C. public sector has met this goal," wrote Minister of Environment Mary Polak. "We have measured our carbon emissions, and through a combination of emission reductions and offsets, have been the only government at the federal, provincial or state level in North American to operate with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions."

According to the report, the province has spent approximately $53 million on carbon offsets on behalf of the public sector between 2010 and 2014 to reach its goal.

The Chevron Refinery in Burnaby, as it appeared in 2013. B.C.'s public sector has been carbon-neutral since 2010. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The report claims that in 2014, B.C.'s 131 public sector organizations produced 46,000 fewer tonnes of greenhouse-gas emissions compared to 2010, equivalent to emissions produced by 9,800 cars in one year.

> **For the past five years, the B.C. public sector has met this goal.**
> Minister of Environment Mary Polak

Much of the improvement has been credited to energy savings from clean technology and retrofits at government facilities, which account for 77 per cent of the public sector's overall emissions.

The report touts BC Housing's Greenbrook public housing complex in Surrey as a prime example.

The 127-unit complex reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 90 per cent after a round of renovations and repairs.

It was also outfitted with the largest solar panel installation in Western Canada, the report says.

While the public sector has achieved carbon neutrality, the province's overall greenhouse gas outlook remains hazy.

British Columbia met its interim 2012 goal of reducing emissions by six per cent.

However, a memo from the federal government last year had Environment Canada projecting an 11 per cent increase in emissions by 2020, contrary to the province's previously stated goal of reducing emissions by 33 per cent by then.

The province is currently seeking public consultation on the development of its new Climate Leadership Plan.

The 60-day period for citizens, First Nations, local government and organizations to participate in the consultation begins Monday.

The finalized plan is expected this spring, and the government claims it will include new climate actions to "drive down emissions while supporting a growing economy."

Campbell's original Climate Action Plan in 2008 included the requirement for the public sector to go carbon-neutral, and brought in the carbon tax.

IN BRIEF

B.C. snowmobiler dies in Torpy range avalanche

RCMP in Prince George say a group of five snowmobilers was riding in the remote Torpy Mountain range, northeast of the city, when one of the riders was swept away in an avalanche and killed.

Mounties learned of the incident shortly before 11 a.m. Saturday.

The other snowmobilers weren't hurt. Police say the group was experienced and properly equipped. British Columbia's coroners' service is investigating.

Avalanche Canada had issued a special public warning to be extra cautious in the backcountry this weekend, though its advisory didn't apply to the region where the death occurred.

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Two people dead in accident at lumber yard

The New Westminster Police Department's Major Crimes Unit has joined the investigation after two people were found dead in an apparent industrial accident.

An NWPD spokesman says officers were called to a lumber yard in New Westminster early Saturday afternoon.

Detectives are working with the BC Coroner Service and Worksafe BC. Neither the name of the lumber yard nor the names of the deceased have been released.

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POLICE

Suspect sought in fatal stabbing case

The owner of a Kamloops sushi restaurant says a fatal stabbing on his doorstep was a "nightmare."

Hatsuki Sushi owner Sam Zhang says one woman and two men appeared to be drunk when they entered the restaurant late Friday afternoon.

He says they left before placing an order, started arguing noisily outside and one of the men was stabbed.

Zhang says the victim and the sobbing woman took refuge inside the restaurant, where employees tried to stop the bleeding.

RCMP Cpl. Cheryl Bush says the 30-year-old victim was taken to hospital with serious injuries and later died.

Bush says the suspect fled on foot and has not been located but the investigation is ongoing.

Bush says the victim and the suspect were known to each other and the attack was not random. She has refused to release the suspect's name.

"We're not releasing any further details," she says. "We have identified a suspect."

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DETAILS

Restaurant owner Sam Zhang says the restaurant was busy at the time and all his employees tried to help the victim.

IN BRIEF

Police investigate fatal shooting in Port Coquitlam

One person is dead after a shooting in Port Coquitlam.

RCMP responded just after 9 p.m. Friday to the area of the 2100-block of Rindall Avenue after reports of shots fired. Mounties found one person suffering from gunshot wounds and despite the efforts of paramedics, the victim succumbed to their injuries.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team says it has taken over the investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homicide team probes suspicious death at hotel

Homicide investigators have been called to a suspicious death at a Langley hotel.

Langley RCMP responded on Friday afternoon to the hotel, where a man was found deceased in one of the rooms. Police determined the death was suspicious and called the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team. IHIT investigators were at the scene for several hours Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman punched in attempted sex assault

Vancouver police are looking for a man following an alleged attempted sexual assault early Friday.

A woman, 26, told police that she was getting into her parked car on East 7th Avenue near Windermere Street around 5 a.m. when a man grabbed her from behind and punched her.

The alleged attacker then attempted to remove some of her clothing, according to police. Police said the woman fought back and screamed, which alerted people in nearby homes and scared off the man.

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The touchscreen of a proposed scooter-share service launching in June in Vancouver. COURTESY SATURNA GREEN SYSTEMS

City awaits scooter sharing program

TRANSPORT

Electric service will charge $15 per month, a quarter per km

Tereza Verenca
Metro

Getting around the Lower Mainland via scooter will become a reality for many Vancouverites this summer. Vancouver-based Saturna Green Systems plans to roll out an electric scooter sharing service in June with a fleet of up to 100 bikes.

"We'll also be launching in London (England) at the same time," said marketing manager Marco Parlato. "The idea is to test it in Vancouver and sell it as a franchise all over the world."

The fleet, which would be a first for the city, will eventually grow to around 300 scooters, Parlato explained, depending on demand. The system is based on new technology installed on each bike's dashboard (designed and developed by Saturna over four years). "It's a seven-inch touch screen, like a tablet, with GPS, a navigation system, everything needed for scooter sharing," Parlato said of the scooters, which will be accessed and reserved through a mobile app. Riders will have to enter a pin number, which will allow it to start at the push of a button.

Each set of wheels, he noted, will be able to clock in around 50 kilometres on a single charge and will be able to be picked up and parked just about anywhere (similar to Car2Go). Users who take the time to take it to a charging station will be rewarded with free kilometres.

> **The idea is to test it in Vancouver and sell it as a franchise all over the world.**
> Saturna marketing manager Marco Parlato

The pilot project is being made available through the green and digital demonstration program, a partnership between the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Economic Commission. The program allows Saturna to have temporary access to the city's streets for trial purposes.

In terms of cost, Parlato said the company is looking at billing users $15 a month and about $0.25 a kilometre. "We won't be charging by the minute. If you're stopped at a red light, we don't want to give you anxiety. This way you can plan your trip."

One of the challenges — what Parlato called the "million-dollar question" — has been the issue of helmet sharing. He said the goal is to ultimately have every rider use their own.

The idea to launch a scooter sharing program, meanwhile, came after the company's CEO was stuck in traffic in Brazil and noticed scooters weaving in and out. "He realized combing telematics technology with the flexibility of the scooter, that you can actually provide a sharing service. You can actually release citizens of Vancouver from congestion and all the problems daily commuters have. And you can help the environment," said Parlato.

Felix Baumgartner's space suit and the capsule that carried him near space are on display at Science World. Top right: Col. Joe Kittinger, who served as Baumgartner's primary point of contact, recounts his own experience setting the longest free-fall record in 1960. Bottom right: Art Thompson, technical director for the Stratos mission, sits in the capsule. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

The science behind supersonic jump

TECHNOLOGY

Equipment from Red Bull Stratos mission on display now

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

About three years ago, Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner ascended to the edge of space, some 39,000 metres above ground, in a capsule attached to a helium balloon, and jumped, free-falling toward Earth at supersonic speeds.

Now Vancouverites can see the equipment used in the record-breaking jump, from Baumgartner's space suit to the 1,450-kilogram capsule that carried him to the stratosphere. The Red Bull Stratos exhibit is on display at Science World now until April 26.

On Friday, three of the Red Bull Stratos team members spoke at the exhibit's launch about how they were able to achieve the historic jump.

For Col. Joe Kittinger, seeing Baumgartner step off the edge of the capsule transported him back to 1960 when he made the same jump, setting the record for longest free-fall time of 4:36.

"When I watched him jump, I jumped with him," he told Metro. "If we had taken his heart rate, it would probably be about 140. Mine was almost 200 because I was anticipating what Felix was going through."

The 87-year-old served as Baumgartner's mentor during the jump, speaking to him through an earpiece both during ascent and as he plummeted to the ground, reaching a supersonic speed of 1,357.64 km/h.

"None of us caught our breath until he landed on the ground safely," said Kittinger. "That's when we were all pretty elated because we had accomplished the task that we set out to do."

The jump marked the end of a seven-year road for technical director Art Thompson, who conceived of the idea in 2005 and wrote an 87-page mission proposal to Red Bull. The company agreed to it in 2007 and by the next year the team had started building the capsule and training Baumgartner.

The five-year training program was necessary to ensure Baumgartner's safety during the death-defying jump.

There were many dangers he could have encountered during the mission, said Thompson, from the jet stream shearing off the top of the balloon during ascent to spinning out of control during the free fall.

In fact, Baumgartner started spinning immediately after stepping off the capsule, rotating a dizzying 16 times before he finally stabilized. His visor also fogged up shortly before he reached the four-minute mark of the free fall.

More than eight million people worldwide watched the jump, which was broadcast live on YouTube.

But Thompson said he was confident that Baumgartner could pull it off.

"He's an amazing free faller," he said. "I knew that if he followed through the process that we gave him once he stepped off, that he would be successful."

The total cost of the mission? Red Bull says it spent about $27 million.

For Thompson, who said he overcame seemingly insurmountable hurdles throughout the process, the true value of the jump was priceless.

He said he hopes the mission, and the Science World exhibit, serves as an inspiration to others.

"It was a constant struggle and battle to get the approvals and process and design," he said, adding that he ended up having to go to U.S. Congress to get the Federal Aviation Administration to allow the team to do the jump.

"I hope that kids can understand that they just have to be persistent and they can accomplish whatever they want."

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HISTORY

A century since women's suffrage

It was the kind of savvy political strategy that politicians and lobbyists attempt to craft today: Stitch together a coalition of supporters from diverse communities, secure financial backers, mount a successful ad campaign, and earn some positive media coverage.

A group of women in Manitoba used it to win the right to vote a century ago.

The province was the first place in Canada to bring in women's suffrage, on Jan. 28, 1916. That triggered a wave of changes — first in Western Canada and finally at the federal level in 1919. Indigenous people, it should be noted, did not get the vote federally until 1960.

Members of the Political Equality League helped recruit and rally those disparate voices with speeches, meetings and articles in the papers. They had paid organizers, and launched a major publicity blitz at the Winnipeg Stampede in 1913.

Social media and viral videos didn't exist, of course, but in 1914 the women created major buzz with a provocative play at the Walker Theatre in Winnipeg. Their mock Parliament parodied the intransigence of Manitoba Premier Rodmond Roblin, and imagined a parallel world where women were in power.

Roblin's government fell the following year amid scandal, and the new Liberal government finally extended the vote to women in 1916.

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Fiona Bak views documents related to the passing of a 1916 amendment to the Manitoba Elections Act.
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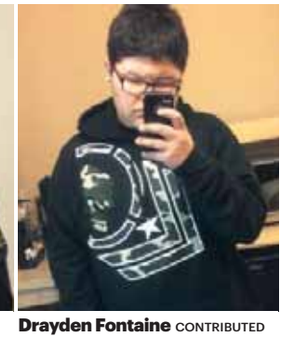

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Leaders know best: Shooting victim's family

LA LOCHE

Similar losses in future could be stopped with the right voices

The family of a teacher who was among four people killed in shootings in northern Saskatchewan says the country must listen to the community for the kind of change that is needed to prevent similar tragedies from happening again.

The family of Adam Woods said what happened in this tiny community gives the country an "opportunity to examine ourselves and hopefully, come out better and stronger as a community and a nation. We feel sadness and remorse but rarely do we use that to fuel change."

In a statement, the family says the leaders of the village need to be heard to prevent similar losses in the future.

"Rather than looking for someone to blame, or coming up with outsider opinions of reasons why this occurred, we must stop and listen to the voices of La Loche. The leaders and members of the community know what types of support and changes are needed. Our responsibility as a nation is to listen and respond to create lasting systemic change."

The archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas also made an appeal Sunday for the community to find hope for its young people at a service that he estimated 250 attended at the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation.

Saskatchewan RCMP say that during an eight-minute period in the La Loche Community school on Friday afternoon, nine people were shot.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Premier seeks aid from U.S.
Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says his province is in touch with officials in the United States for help rebuilding after a school shooting.

Wall said the U.S. ambassador to Canada, Bruce Heyman, called him Friday after four people were killed at the school and in a nearby home in La Loche.

He noted that, "quite tragically, the United States has more experience." Wall said he has asked his deputy minister to "canvass that option with our American friends."

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1 People dig out their cars in Alexandria, Va., on Sunday. Millions of Americans were preparing to dig themselves out Sunday after a mammoth blizzard with hurricane-force winds and record-setting snowfall brought much of the East Coast to an icy standstill. CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Children slide in the snow in Central Park on Sunday in New York. FRANCOIS XAVIER MARIT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

3 Charlie Katshir, 15, sleds in Siebert Park in Camp Hill, Pa., on Saturday. MARK PYNES/PENNLIVE.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blizzard breaks snowfall records

UNITED STATES

Single-day highs set across east coast amid hurricane winds

Millions of Americans began digging out Sunday from a mammoth blizzard that set a new single-day snowfall record in Washington and New York City. The hurricane-force winds and whiteout conditions gave way to blinding sunshine and temperatures slightly above freezing, promising a gentle thawing-out.

The timing could not have been better for East Coast states: The heaviest snow began falling Friday evening, and tapered off just before midnight Saturday. Millions heeded calls to stay home, enabling road crews to clear snow and ice.

New York and Baltimore began lifting travel restrictions and hearty souls ventured out on snow-choked streets, while mass transit systems up and down the coast gradually restored normal service.

The air travel picture remained complicated after 7,000 weekend flights were cancelled: United Airlines said limited service might begin later Sunday in New York City, but airports in the Washington D.C. area were likely to remain closed Sunday, and other airlines began cutting Monday service.

The massive snowstorm brought both Washington, D.C., and New York to a stop, dumping as much as 90 centimetres of snow and stranding tens of thousands of travellers. At least 18 deaths were blamed on the weather, resulting from car crashes, shovelling snow and hypothermia.

In New York, the storm dropped 68.1 centimetres in Central Park, the second-most recorded since 1869 and just short of the record 68.3 centimetres set in February 2006. The 67.6 centimetres that fell on Saturday, however, was the city's record for a single day. At Washington's National Zoo, 56.9 centimetres fell, beating the 53.3 centimetres that fell on Jan. 28, 1922.

107

The heaviest reported snowfall was **107 centimetres in Glengary, West Virginia**.

The storm dropped snow from the Gulf Coast to the northeastern New England states, with areas of Washington surpassing 75 centimetres. The heaviest official report was 107 centimetres, in Glengary, W. Va.

Travel conditions were improving from the dangerously snowy, icy roads that led to crashes that killed several people Friday and Saturday.

An Ohio teenager sledding behind an all-terrain vehicle was hit by a truck and killed, and two people died of hypothermia in southwest Virginia. In North Carolina, a man whose car had veered off an icy-covered road was arrested on charges of killing one of three men who stopped to help.

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POLITICS

Trump welcomes senator, bashes Beck's support of Cruz

Donald Trump is so confident about the loyalty of his supporters that he predicted Saturday they would stick with him even if he shot someone.

The Republican presidential front-runner bashed conservative commentator Glenn Beck's support of rival Ted Cruz and welcomed a figure from the GOP establishment, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, in rallies nine days before the Iowa caucuses open voting in the 2016 campaign.

"I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, OK?" Trump told an enthusiastic audience at a Christian school, Dordt College. "It's like incredible."

Beck campaigned for Ted Cruz and held little back in going after Trump. "The time for silliness and reality show tactics has passed," Beck charged at a Cruz rally.

Days after Trump was endorsed by tea-party favourite Sarah Palin, Cruz flashed his own conservative muscle during a rally in Ankeny, Iowa. Rep. Steve King, an Iowa Republican and conservative firebrand, and

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Iowa social conservative leader Bob Vander Plaats encouraged local Republicans to unite behind Cruz. Beck praised the Texas senator's commitment to principles of the right and repeatedly jabbed Trump from afar. The same headliners were to appear at an evening rally in eastern Iowa.

At his Sioux Center event, Trump called Beck a "loser" and "sad sack." Beck was one of nearly two dozen conservative thinkers who penned anti-Trump essays for National Review magazine — a hit Trump referred to repeatedly at the rally.

Cruz, running close with Trump in Iowa polls, was almost entirely focused on the billionaire in his Ankeny event, as he professed core conservative values and drew a sharp contrast with Trump on issue after issue, without using his name.

But Cruz shrugged off Trump's shooting comment when asked. "I will let Donald speak for himself. I can say I have no intention of shooting anybody in this campaign," he told reporters, adding that he would keep his criticism focused on issues.

"I don't intend to go into the gutter," Cruz said.

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EGYPT

Eight face hearing after botched repair on Tut mask

King Tut has been dead for thousands of years, but his power remains. After a botched repair of his burial mask, prosecutors ordered eight workers to court for "gross negligence."

The 3,300-year old mask, whose beard was accidentally knocked off and hastily glued on with epoxy in 2014, was scratched and damaged during the repair work, prosecutors said Sunday.

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Impact of the low loonie

Tourism and production benefit while jobs and food are hit hard

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The Canadian dollar is hovering around 70 cents against the U.S. dollar after reaching a 13-year low last week.

Such a low loonie has economists sounding the alarm about declining business and consumer confidence.

While the effects of the low dollar are complex and affecting many different parts of the Canadian economy, different regions of the country will be impacted differently.

Here, we take a look at the effects of the low loonie on cities from coast-to coast in different economic sectors.

PRICE OF FOOD

Canadians are already feeling the effects of the faltering loonie at the grocery store. According to researchers at the University of Guelph, the sudden currency drop in 2015 led to fruits, vegetables and nuts increasing in price by up to 10 per cent. This year, that could increase by another 4.5 per cent. For example, cauliflower prices have tripled, with a head now selling for about $8 in some Toronto stores. That means the average household will spend $345 more this year than last year for the same food, researchers say.

JOBS

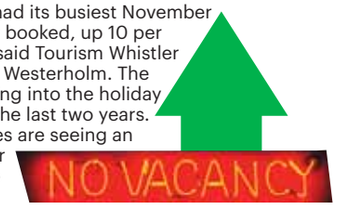
In certain areas, the low dollar helps employment. Cities with strong film and television industries, such as Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, are disproportionately benefitting compared to cities such as Winnipeg and Edmonton where that sector is less prominent. Provinces with a strong agriculture sector, such as Manitoba, and B.C., are doing well. That's due to more exports south of the border and low commodity prices. But other sectors, such as manufacturing, are slower to react.

MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS

Conventional wisdom is that a lower Canadian dollar is better for companies that export a lot of their products to the U.S. In Ontario, where manufacturing was particularly hard-hit during the recession, manufacturing sales are up by 21 per cent over that period, excluding petroleum refining. In Nova Scotia, lobster exports — worth $385 million annually — will also see a boost. The lower dollar can also make Canada more attractive for foreign investment.

TOURISM

The low dollar may have some Canadian families reconsidering that trip to Florida they were hoping to take this winter. But it's good news for popular Canadian tourism destinations. American tourists enticed at the possibility of a cheap vacation have more reason to travel north of the border. Whistler, B.C. had its busiest November ever in terms of nights booked, up 10 per cent from a year ago, said Tourism Whistler spokeswoman Patricia Westerholm. The pace of booking heading into the holiday period outperformed the last two years. Anecdotally, businesses are seeing an increase in the number of American visitors to the resort, she said.



ENERGY

Oil, pump prices gap growing

Prices at the gas pump fell four per cent in December, but crude prices fell by more than three times that amount during that time. Gasoline prices in Canada averaged $1.02 per litre last month, when crude averaged $37 US a barrel. But in February 2009, when oil sold for $39, the average price for gas was about 15 per cent cheaper at 85 cents a litre.

The companies who refine crude into gasoline are taking a bigger piece of the pie, said Robyn Allan, an independent economist in Vancouver.

Between 2000 and 2014, refining and marketing margins averaged 17.7 cents a litre. But in 2015, the average margins grew to 28.9 cents per litre, she found. That average refinery margin grew to 32.3 cents per litre this year, she noted.

Oil companies are keeping more profits to refine the oil into gasoline in order to offset what they are losing in production profit, said Roger McKnight, chief petroleum analyst for En-Pro International.

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Sorry, Spidey
Superheroes aside, new research shows a gecko is likely the biggest animal physically able to scale walls with sticky feet.

THE BIG QUESTION

Could Donald Trump really become the U.S. president?

If you're a betting person, you probably shouldn't put your money on him. Real-estate and reality-TV magnate Donald Trump is estimated to have 45 per cent odds of winning the Republican Party nomination by the website Predictwise, which analyzes "prediction markets" — basically, people who are betting on the outcomes of real-life events, whether it's the winner of Wimbledon or the future occupant of the White House. Such markets, research shows, tend to be more accurate than opinion polls at guessing election results. So the possibility of the brash (and, some say, bigoted) Trump winning the nomination is very real: The next most popular candidate, Marco Rubio, is a distant second at 31 per cent. Ted Cruz is trailing at just 11. However, if Trump ends up in November's general election, it's likely himself he'll be calling a loser. Gamblers have placed just 16 per cent odds on a Trump takeover of the Oval Office.

Vancouver can take the lead on reconciliation

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

In June last year, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its report on the legacy of residential schools in Canada.

The report detailed the impact on survivors, who were among more than 150,000 aboriginal children taken from their families and communities. The children were taken under the guise of better education, but the report recognizes the true intention of the government was to commit "cultural genocide" against our aboriginal peoples.

Government institutions caused this harm, and our governments should lead the effort to make it right.

To address the damage that the residential school system did to aboriginal communities, and to move towards healing the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians, the report included 94 recommendations, many of which were aimed at various levels of government.

This month, both the Vancouver Park Board and city council heard staff reports regarding which of the 94 recommendations can be acted upon at the city level. At city hall, the staff report presented Jan. 19 was not a commitment to what the city will do in the future, but more a review of the city's current initiatives that align with the TRC report. In total, 41 actions were identified, some of which have been completed and others that will happen in 2016.

By the time the TRC had been issued in 2015, the city had already made serious efforts. Vancouver was the first municipality to declare a year of reconciliation, two years before the TRC report was published. The following year, council committed to becoming a city of reconciliation. And the city continues to integrate aboriginal perspectives and community needs into policies like the recent Healthy City Strategy.

The park board adopted its staff report on Jan. 12, just a few days before city council, nabbing themselves the titular spot as the first municipal body in Canada to adopt a response plan to the TRC recommendations. Included in their 11-point plan is training for all Park Board staff, a formal process for including local First Nations in any planning process for Stanley Park, and funding for artistic programs focused on reconciliation.

While the B.C. Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation John Rustad has also committed to a provincial response, it's nowhere to be found yet.

Vancouverites living in the provincial riding of Mount Pleasant have an upcoming by-election on Feb. 2 that could result in the election of the NDP's Melanie Mark, a First Nations woman from the Nisga'a and Gitxsan Nations.

Vancouver can be proud of the work it's done to make the TRC recommendations live and breathe. Government institutions caused this harm, and our governments should lead the efforts to make it right.

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metroview

There are reasons the Oscars are #sowhite. Let's fix one of them.

Deena Douara Karim
Metro | Toronto

When I was a teacher, I wrote an assignment that examined social justice through probability. It was called Is It Fishy or No? "A student complains a teacher is unfair because she always calls on girls. Seven girls and three boys keep their hands up. Of 100 questions, the teacher called on girls 73 times. Is it fishy?"

I could have used #OscarsSoWhite, the racial disparity in nominations that's prompted calls to boycott. Of the major categories, 41 nominees were white, one was Asian and one was Latino.

While the focus has been on black under-representation (13 per cent of the American population), missing too are Latinos (17), Asians (six) and Arabs (one). We're all in the room, but how many have their hands up (apply, audition, send scripts) and don't get called on by the industry?

From a probability stance, it's not clear enough flawless films were made by, about or starring non-whites to establish fishiness, nor to determine if this is a Hollywood-wide trend (especially since the Golden Globes did include Straight Outta Compton, Will Smith and Idris Elba).

The useful question is not if the academy is racist, but whether it matters that most nominees are white, and if so, how does that get addressed?

First, it does matter. Minorities have different stories to tell. Different sensibilities and styles, perhaps. Different inspiration and youth to inspire. Stereotypes to belie and shatter.

As UCLA's Bunche Center phrased it: "When media images are rooted primarily in stereotype, inequality is normalized and is more likely to be reinforced over time."

There are institutional barriers preventing people of colour from success in media, but one that's rarely discussed is self-imposed. The odds are already against non-whites. Maybe we should reconsider our values and priorities.

There are some commonalities across the immigrant experience, but I know Arab and South Asian communities best. We value physicians, engineers, pharmacists and accountants — in that order and above all else. Professions of respect, but not influence; careers that are invisible in a time when we need to have our hands up. What images do Arabs have to compete with Osama bin Laden's disheveled beard?

If our stories aren't told, we need to write them. Communities unhappy with what is reflected back when we tune in, pay up and vote should be encouraging, admiring and granting scholarships for paths that are riskier, less cushy, but far more visible. Journalism and production. Filmmaking and screenwriting. We need to be in and around politics — where there are far too few minorities of any kind.

In a class of 10, if seven girls have their hands up and three boys do, how can we get the rest of the boys to wake up?

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Maximize your investment

NEST EGG

You need to take advantage of all options available

Michelle Williams

If you're making RSP contributions, you'll have to make some decisions about where to invest. Here's a quick look at the most common investments and how risky they are:

Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs)
This is the most conservative way to invest.

"These certificates are issued by banks and trust companies, offering a secured rate of return over a fixed period of time," says Kathleen Peace, partner and wealth advisor at Woodgate Financial. "It's a secure investment that guarantees 100 per cent of the original principal that you invest."

The investment earns interest at a fixed or variable rate that is generally higher than savings-account rates, with a limited guarantee of up to $100,000 per GIC provided by Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC). However, the rate of return compared to other investment securities is relatively low.

Bonds
Less conservative than GICs but generally not as risky as stocks (with the exception of high-yield or junk bonds).

"A bond is a debt investment: you loan money to a corporation or government, which borrows from you for a defined period of time. You earn interest at a variable or fixed interest rate, essentially becoming a creditor of the bond issuer," explains Peace.

When it comes to investing, a diverse portfolio helps reduce your risk. ISTOCK

Like GICs, the risk can be lower compared to some other investments vehicles, but so is the return.

Stocks
Typically riskier than bonds or GICs. Also known as shares or equities, stocks are parcels of a company that you can invest in.

"As an owner, you have a claim on assets and earnings, but you're also at risk of losing money when stocks go down," says Peace.

Some stocks are naturally riskier than others. However, the rate of return can be higher than other investments.

Mutual Funds
Pools of securities like stocks or bonds within a sector, such as real estate or mining. They can also be diversified across all industry sectors, countries and types of securities.

The risk factor and rate of return would vary depending on the fund, explains Peace. An investor might choose a mutual fund for a more diverse portfolio.

WHY DIVERSIFY?

The logic is simple: don't keep all your eggs in one basket.

Investments can react differently to market, global, regional or industry upheaval; one investment can rise while another can fall. A diverse portfolio reduces your risk by helping to keep the overall value of your holdings in balance.

"Consider a portfolio made up solely of hospitality-industry stocks," says wealth advisor Kathleen Peace. "If global growth slows and people don't have enough money for travel, hospitality-industry earnings may suffer. As a consequence, your portfolio could experience a significant downturn and you could lose money. By comparison, imagine a portfolio holding both hospitality and digital-media stocks. The digital-media stocks may outperform during the same global downturn as people increasingly use technology and digital entertainment as a substitute for travel."

Diversifying doesn't guarantee against loss, she adds, but it goes a long way toward minimizing your risk.

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Greta Gerwig taps Saoirse Ronan as the star of her directorial debut Lady Bird

Over the next three months, **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** will help a recent grad drowning in debt and a charitable young professional to balance their budget, pay down loans and save for their future

Make a strategy for saving

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie has 11 weeks remaining to transform the finances of two recent graduates — Annick, 24, and Yolanda, 27 — by helping them get out of debt, save money and track their spending. This week we'll focus on Yolanda.

THIS WEEK: A web communications specialist, Yolanda makes $42,000 per year and spends $750 a month on rent. Her goals are to save a $25,000 down payment for a condo purchase in three years, grow her retirement savings and go on a trip each year.

NEXT WEEK: Annick owes money on her credit cards, to her family, and the government for her student loans. Who should she pay off first?

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Yolanda has traded in a higher paycheque for a job that she's passionate about with a national charity that helps children in developing countries. She's learned to live within her means, but we've recently discovered she's a binge saver. Yolanda contributes regularly to her RRSP and TFSA, and then in moments of weakness, drains the accounts for clothes, travel and entertainment.

In our money coaching session last week, Yolanda learned that every time she withdraws from her RRSP before retirement, she loses the contribution room permanently and pays a withholding tax to the government — ouch!

Her TFSA withdrawals are less of a problem because she can retain her contribution room and doesn't pay taxes when she withdraws her money.

In both cases, however, dipping into her RRSP or TFSA accounts prematurely means Yolanda won't capitalize on each account's tax-advantages and she won't grow her down payment and retirement savings.

THE LESSON: Yolanda is using her RRSP and TFSA like a bank account rather than for long-term savings.

Yolanda has the right idea, which is to save through regular monthly contributions to her RRSP and TFSA, but she's over contributing and not leaving enough cash in her chequing account to pay for day-to-day expenses. So when something like a wedding creeps up, she's forced to liquidate her RRSP and TFSA to pay for a gift.

Yolanda needs to contribute less to her RRSP and TFSA to free up monthly cash flow for regular expenses. She will drop her RRSP contribution to $150 from $200 and TFSA contribution to $250 from $350. This action will free up $150 per month. Yolanda will transfer $50 of that money into a savings account for smaller one-off purchases.

This plan ensures Yolanda uses the right accounts for her short-term spending and long-term saving.

$ MONEY

A surprise

After closer examination of Yolanda's finances, we learned that her defined contribution pension is worth three times what she'd originally thought thanks to her employer matching her contributions to the plan.

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RRSP	$225
TFSA	$725
Pension	$3,850
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REPORT CARD WHICH PROVINCES GOT TOP MARKS IN HISTORY?

The majority of Canada's provinces and territories have been assigned high marks on a new report card on history education. Historica Canada looked at social studies and history curricula from grades 7 through 12 across the country.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE METHOD

Evaluations were conducted for three main factors: curriculum content; development of critical and creative thinking skills; and the amount of mandatory Canadian history content at junior, intermediate and senior levels. The report card noted that curricula changes in recent years "have demonstrated the need to better incorporate diverse perspectives," such as those focused on indigenous peoples, gender and women's history and multiculturalism. It also outlines recommendations for further improvements, such as mandating at least one Canadian history credit as a high school graduation requirement, and establishing a clear balance between national and provincial/regional history.

OVERVIEW OF FINAL GRADES

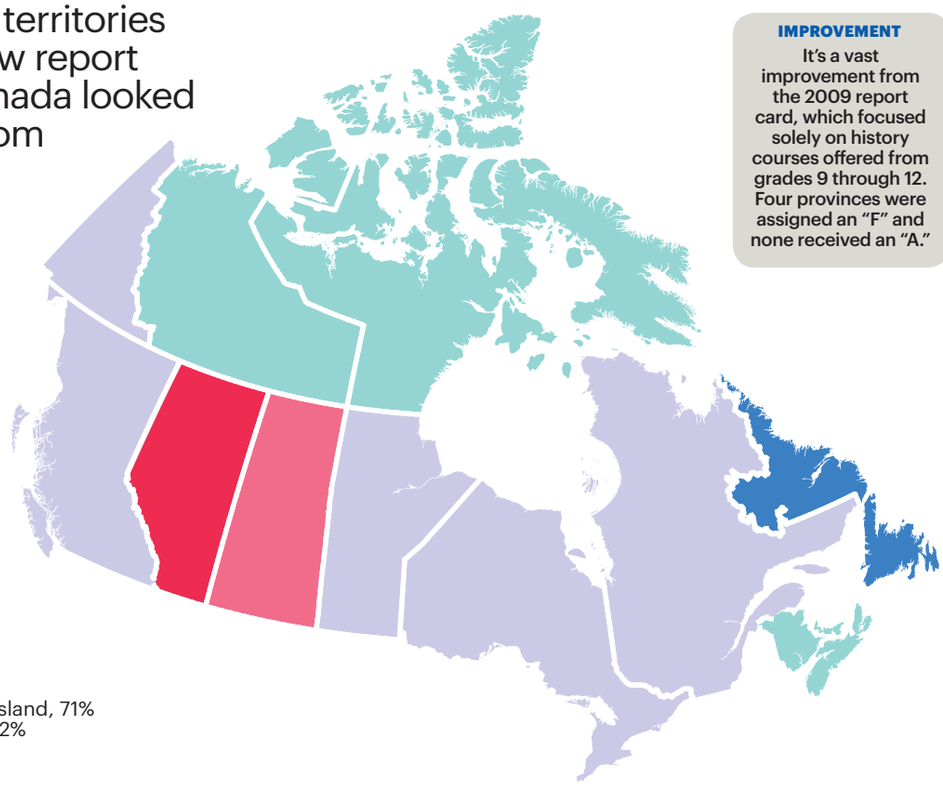
A- Ontario, 82%; British Columbia, 81%; Quebec, 80%; Manitoba, 80%, Yukon, 81%

B Newfoundland and Labrador, 75% (anglophone)

B- Nova Scotia, 73%; New Brunswick, 71%; Prince Edward Island, 71% (all anglophone); Northwest Territories, 72%; Nunavut, 72%

C+ Saskatchewan, 69%

C- Alberta, 62%



IMPROVEMENT

It's a vast improvement from the 2009 report card, which focused solely on history courses offered from grades 9 through 12. Four provinces were assigned an "F" and none received an "A."

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If you want to go all out, here's some food for thought, pardon the pun. Your sample stay-cation itinerary might start with a Friday afternoon food and photo tour of Vancouver's Yaletown district on the Food-tography: A culinary Photography Tour ($70*). You'll be done by 4pm, just in time to go back to your hotel for a quick refresher before dinner. Hotel for two nights: $280**. Later, hop aboard the Secret Supper Soiree ($125*). It's a culinary road-trip like no other.

Saturday morning, it's off to UVA Wine Bar for a mid-day cocktail masterclass with Award-winner Lauren Mote behind the bar ($70*). Dinner that night is at AnnaLena ($40*). Impress your date by splurging on that special bottle of BC VQA wine ($50). Use RipeRides to get to and from the hotel. #Civilized.

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Rickie Fowler won the Abu Dhabi Championship, shooting a 3-under 69 Sunday for a one-stroke win over Thomas Pieters

Playoffs still within sight

CANUCKS

Weak Pacific Division keeping team's hopes alive

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

It doesn't matter what happens between now and the upcoming NHL all-star weekend in Nashville. The Vancouver Canucks will go into the break in playoff contention.

That's been the ongoing oddity of this 2015-16 season.

The Canucks welcome the Nashville Predators to town on Tuesday for the final game on their schedule before the break, and they'll do so right now with a record of 20-18-11.

The Canucks are tied with the Arizona Coyotes with 51 points, but the Coyotes hold the third position in the Pacific Division with fewer games played.

Despite a 3-1 lead, the Canucks disintegrated in the third period against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday, resulting in a 5-4 loss, which concluded a six-game road trip that further exposed the current flaws of this team.

And yet they remain in playoff contention. It's a byproduct of being in a weak Pacific Division and teams — Colorado, Minnesota and Nashville — falling behind the cream of the crop in the Central Division.

Canucks goalie Ryan Miller and blue liner Alexander Edler defend against the Penguins' Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh on Saturday.
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Once the all-star break ends, the trade deadline approaches.

The Canucks have tried to get quicker, recently adding Emerson Etem, and younger as their roster continues through transition.

But what will they do at the Feb. 29 deadline, especially if they're still in playoff contention? The Canucks have a few players that are on lucrative and expiring contracts they could dangle in front of contending teams looking to add to their roster heading into the playoffs, while freeing up cap space for the summer ahead.

One group of fans may clamour for the Canucks to do all they can to make the playoffs, while the other may demand a drastic step in a rebuild, veteran assets be sold for prospects and picks, and the possible revenue from the playoffs be sacrificed for potentially more prosperous gains in the future.

Both sides of the playoff debate will have plenty of time to provide their arguments between now and the end of February.

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After facing at least 39, 48 and 49 shots in his previous three games, Ryan Miller saw just 29 shots in Saturday's 5-4 loss in Pittsburgh.

PGA

Hadwin comes up short

Adam Hadwin was in contention Sunday for his first career PGA Tour victory, but it will have to wait for another time.

The Abbotsford golfer was at one point tied for the lead with Jason Dufner as he made the turn during the final round at the CareerBuilder Challenge in La Quinta, Calif., but just couldn't sustain the momentum in the back nine.

Adam Hadwin
GETTY IMAGES

Dufner eventually won in a playoff over David Lingmerth of Sweden.

Hadwin finished tied for sixth, at 20-under par, after firing an even-par 72, in his final round. He made three bogeys on the back nine but finished his tournament with a birdie on the 18th hole.

Despite a difficult finish to his round, his overall showing at this tournament — his sixth of the season, and fourth cut made — will give him a substantial boost in the FedEx Cup standings, from 142nd to a projected tie for 74th.

This also represents Hadwin's first top-10 showing at a PGA Tour event this season.

Nick Taylor, also of Abbotsford, didn't make the cut after the third round. However, he dazzled the crowd earlier in the event with a hole-in-one.

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IN BRIEF

IOC relaxes guidelines on transgender athletes

Transgender athletes should be allowed to compete in the Olympics and other international events without undergoing sex reassignment surgery, according to new guidelines adopted by the International Olympic Committee.

IOC medical officials told The Associated Press on Sunday they changed the policy to adapt to current scientific, social and legal attitudes on transgender issues.

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Chelsea dents Arsenal's title hopes with derby win

Diego Costa gave Chelsea a 1-0 victory over 10-man Arsenal on Sunday, damaging its London rival's bid to dethrone them as Premier League champions.

Chelsea already looked the livelier team when it gained a man advantage in the 18th minute, following Per Mertesacker's red card-lunge on Costa.

It took only five minutes after that for Arsenal's defence to be breached when Costa evaded defender Gabriel, who had been brought on to replace forward Olivier Giroud after Mertesacker's dismissal.

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Versteeg's pair lifts Hurricanes past Flames

Kris Versteeg scored twice to lead the Carolina Hurricanes to a 5-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Sunday.

Victor Rask, Elias Lindholm and Joakim Nordstrom also scored for Carolina. The Hurricanes led 3-0 early in the second period and chased Calgary goalie Karri Ramo. Calgary got goals from Jiri Hudler and Joe Colborne. Eddie Lack made 33 saves for Carolina.

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Broncos ride swarming defence into Super Bowl

NFL PLAYOFFS

Manning bests Brady in what could be their final meeting

AFC championship 2018

No, you're not seeing things.

That really was Peyton Manning lumbering his way down the field for a 12-yard gain and a first down Sunday.

And thanks to his defence, that will be Manning — the 39-year-old quarterback who was supposed to be on his way to a retirement party — and not Tom Brady playing in the Super Bowl two weeks from now.

Ol' No. 18 engineered a 20-18 victory over the Patriots — not settled until Broncos cornerback Bradley Roby picked off Brady's pass on a two-point attempt that would have tied it with 12 seconds left.

> **Well, it's been a special rivalry over the course of my career against the Patriots, the entire organization.**
> Broncos' Peyton Manning

The Patriots had to go for two after Brady hit Rob Gronkowski in the back of the end zone because Stephen Gostkowski missed his first extra point in 524 tries in the first quarter.

Aqib Talib stepped in front of Brady's pass and deflected it skyward.

Roby, who forced the game-changing fumble in last week's victory over Pittsburgh, made the pick.

The Broncos (14-4) recovered the onside kick and the celebration began. Manning is now 6-11 in his vaunted series against Brady, but 3-1 when it has counted the most — with the AFC title on the line.

"Well, it's been a special rivalry over the course of my career against the Patriots, the entire organization," Manning said.

"To play four times in the AFC championship with so much on the line, those games have been very special."

Manning surpassed his boss, John Elway, as the oldest quarterback to take his team to the Super Bowl. The Broncos will play Carolina.

Whether it's been Manning lining up under centre, or Brock Osweiler, who took snaps while Manning was injured for six weeks toward the end of the season, the Broncos have depended on a defence that gave up the fewest yards this season and came up with game-saving plays time and again.

Von Miller finished with 2-1/2 sacks and an interception.

The Broncos harassed Brady all day. He finished 27-for-56 for 310 yards. After being shut out twice inside the Denver 20 late in the fourth quarter, Brady lobbed a 40-yard pass to a double-covered Gronkowski to keep a desperation drive going on fourth-and-10.

Then, on fourth-and-goal from the four with 12 seconds left, Brady found Gronkowski — again double-covered — in the back corner of the end zone. The tight end stepped in front of Chris Harris Jr. for the catch, and the game came down to one play.

The Broncos defence made it once again, and the franchise is now headed to its eighth Super Bowl.

This marks No. 4 for Manning, who could become the first quarterback to lead two different franchises to titles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AIR ATTACK

Manning completed 17 of his 32 passing attempts for 176 yards and two TDs.

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski is tackled by Broncos Shiloh Keo, bottom left, Josh Bush and Danny Trevathan on Sunday in Denver. DUSTIN BRADFORD/GETTY IMAGES

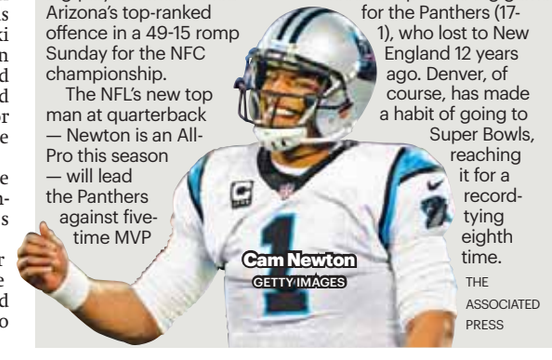
NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Newton's Panthers top Cards for Super Bowl ticket

Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and ran for two others, and Carolina's big-play defence stifled Arizona's top-ranked offence in a 49-15 romp Sunday for the NFC championship.

The NFL's new top man at quarterback — Newton is an All-Pro this season — will lead the Panthers against five-time MVP Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl in two weeks.

It will be the first Super Bowl for Newton and the second trip to the big game for the Panthers (17-1), who lost to New England 12 years ago. Denver, of course, has made a habit of going to Super Bowls, reaching it for a record-tying eighth time.



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RECIPE Shrimp & Orzo Skillet Dinner

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Start your week with this elegant yet easy one-pot wonder. Both orzo and shrimp cook quickly, making them a perfect combo for weeknight meals.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 14 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup orzo
- 1 lb cleaned and de-veined shrimp
- Big handful of fresh basil, sliced
- 1/2 cup feta, crumbled

Directions
1. In a large skillet, sauté onion and garlic in oil over medium heat until they smell great and soften up. Add the oregano and cook for another minute.
2. Pour in stock, vinegar and tomatoes and taste for seasoning. Add salt and pepper.
3. Now add the orzo and allow everything to simmer for 15 minutes.
4. Add your shrimp and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn pink and opaque.
5. Sprinkle basil and feta over top and serve.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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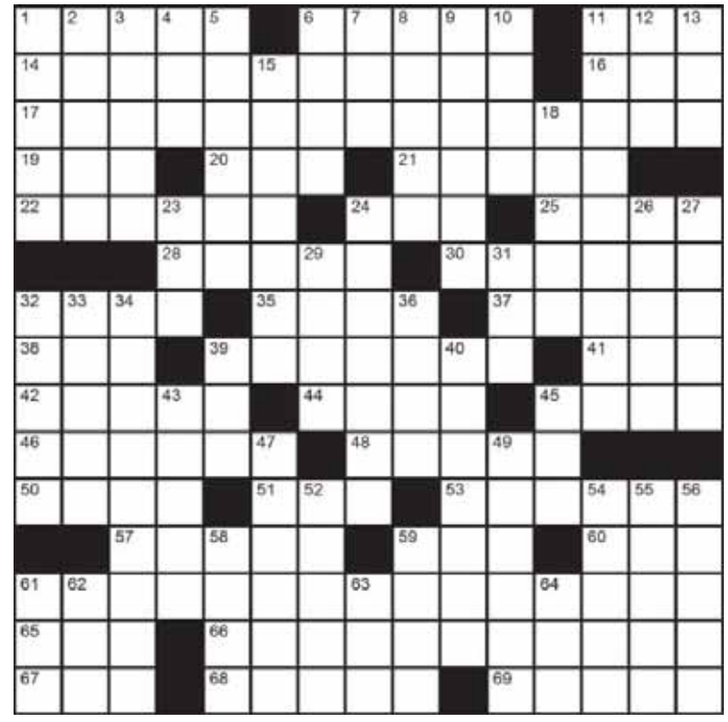

ACROSS
1. Country singer K.T.
6. Raised flatlands
11. Beaver's construction
14. Sir Ian Fleming, for one: 2 wds.
16. Wood sorrel
17. Fictional rural setting of "Hee Haw" (Trivia! The long-running variety show was created by two Canadians, Frank Peppiatt and John Aylesworth): 2 wds.
19. 'Hect' add-on
20. Anonymous [abbr.]
21. Acidic, such as a swimming pool's water quality = _ _ _
22. Stand firm
24. Game: French
25. Prefix to 'legal'
28. Hanson member
30. Actress Charlize
32. 17th Greek letters
35. Swallow
37. _ _ the side of caution
38. _ de Cologne
39. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Cox
41. 'Verb' suffix
42. "The Jetsons" pet
44. Decorative pin holder
45. Otolaryngologists, commonly
46. "Flashdance" (1983) song
48. Rope fibres
50. Close-fitting
51. Li'l reply
53. Really busy
57. Battle royal
59. Lubricate
60. Prefix meaning 'Ear'
61. Books business: 2 wds.
65. Pres. Eisenhower
66. Charlie _ (Radio newscaster on the show at #17-Across)
67. Ireland airline, with Lingus
68. Architectural framework
69. Demeanors

DOWN
1. Mr. Schindler (Liam Neeson role in 1993)
2. Fern 'seed'
3. Ancient harps
4. Hostel
5. Without fanfare or difficulty: 2 wds.
6. Biblical heirs, with The
7. Kay's follower
8. Sashay
9. Invite to a movie and dinner: 2 wds.
10. Place into storage
11 Canadian entertainer who created/played the iconic character at #66-Across: 2 wds.
12. Do stage work
13. Might
15. Wine's year
18. Ontario attraction, _ Canada Village
23. '_' _ for Iberville
24. Reusable blue kitchen wipes in a hexagon box: letter + wd.
26. Hen's home
27. Author Ms. Rice's
29. Dawn: French
31. Schemer's chuckle, when repeated
32. Paper quantities
33. _ _ effect on
34. Be larger in quantity
36. "Charmed" sister
39. _ _ 180
40. Reach for the stars: 2 wds.
43. Orion's brightest star
45. Keyboard key
47. Conqueror of Gaul
49. "The Taking of _ 1 2 3" (2009)
52. Beatles jacket style
54. Put _ _ (Get working)
55. "Your show's starting!": 2 wds.
56. Movie-makers Joel and Ethan
58. Elevator, in England
59. Burden
61. Ms. Zadora
62. Arthur Godfrey's instrument, for short
63. Smartness figs.
64. "Either he goes _ _ go!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You want to get away from your usual environment and explore places you haven't been in a while. But make sure your wanderings are done with by midweek as journeys may be unpredictable later on.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It is possible that you will come into money. However, it is also possible that you will waste money on things you don't need. Maybe you'll do both and end up with the same amount!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
An affair of the heart will go extremely well. On the work front, however, be wary of someone who approaches you with a proposition that sounds too good to be true.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to lose sight of the big picture. Step back from what you are doing and make sure you don't drift off course. Also, don't let anyone undermine your confidence.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What comes easy to you over the next few days won't come so easy later on, so make an effort to get the tough stuff out of the way. If a project of some kind no longer inspires you, end it and move on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will have to make a tough choice between your family and your career. But it does not have to be one thing or the other — there are always ways to balance competing needs.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Over the next few days you will get a more balanced view of what is taking place in the world. If an authority figure tells you that certain opinions are not allowed, tell them to get lost. Think and speak as you please.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some sort of material gain is likely but don't take your good fortune for granted. Remember that you always get more from what you own and earn if you don't grasp it too tightly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
So many things will go right for you that you may find it hard to believe your luck. What's the catch? There isn't one, so stop worrying and start doing things you really enjoy.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make an effort but make sure that what you do is primarily for yourself. Because you're so reliable employers may try to shift some of their workload to you. Don't let them!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will be immensely popular — everyone wants to get close to you. Having said which, watch what you say and do when people in positions of authority are around — they could easily turn against you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
People you deal with in a creative capacity will be hugely impressed by your ideas and your willingness to work with others. Just make sure you get full credit for your input.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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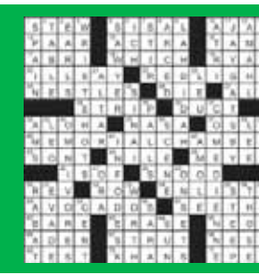

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